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A PROBABLE HORIZONTAL ROCKET MOTOR/ENGINE TEST FACILITY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE CHU-CHOU AIRCRAFT ENGINE PLANT LOCATED AT 27-48-16N 113-11-04E, CHU-CHOU, CHINA. THE TEST FACILITY CONSISTS OF AN IRREGULARLY SHAPED TEST BUILDING WITH A FLARED EXTENSION THROUGH WHICH THE ARTICLE TO BE TESTED MAY BE FIRED AND AN ADJACENT SUPPORT BUILDING. A VERTICAL BLAST WALL IS LOCATED CLOSE TO THE FLARED END OF THE TEST BUILDING EXTENSION. THIS TEST FACILITY IS SIMILAR TO THOSE LOCATED AT THE HSIAN PROBABLE MUNITIONS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND AT THE HU-HSIEN EXPLOSIVES PLANT, HSIAN, CHINA. AT LEAST 2 ADDITIONAL TEST BUILDINGS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA APPEAR TO BE INVOLVED IN COMPONENT ASSEMBLY/TESTING. CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION OCCURRED IN THE TEST AREA BETWEEN JUNE 63 AND AUGUST 67. THE FACILITIES IN THE TEST AREA AND IN THE ADJACENT POSSIBLE MISSILE PRODUCTION AREA WERE NOT PRESENT ON THE MARCH 59 COVERAGE. THE SEPARATELY SECURED POSSIBLE MISSILE PRODUCTION AREA CONTAINS 5 ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS AND 1 LARGE ADMIN/ENGINEERING BUILDING.

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